Fee—Transportation of foreign liquor through Cochin—imposing of.

68. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Special).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the reasons for imposing a fee of annas eight for stamp paper for transporting foreign liquor from British territory to Travancore territory through Cochin territory as per notification in Government Gazette, dated 28th Chingam 1112 under Part II, Excise Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Commissioner of Excise).*—Fee of 8 annas is charged since all petitions to Heads of Departments carry that stamp fee.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special).*—What is the fee levied by the Madras and Travancore Governments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Commissioner of Excise).*—In Madras, I am informed, it is one anna. In Travancore I am not quite sure. I have not enquired about it.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special).*—Will the Government be pleased to reduce it to one anna?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Commissioner of Excise).*—We are considering that question.

Petition to the Cochin Medical Board Advisory Committee.

69. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—Will the Government be pleased (a) to print and place on the table the copy of the memo E. 2324/1111 dated 4th Makaram 1111 issued by the Chief Medical Officer;

(b) which is the petition referred to in the above memo;

(c) how is it the Hon'ble Member for Medicine replied 'No' to a supplementary question in Question No. 318 of the 12th Meenam 1111;

(d) to whom was the said petition addressed;

(e) by whom was the reply given?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—a) A copy of the memo is appended. *(Appendix II.)*

(b) Petition dated 27th Dhanu 1111 from Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty and others.

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(c) By my answer 'No' to the supplementary question, it was meant only that the Chief Medical Officer did not receive the petition dated 27th Dhanu 1111 addressed to the Chairman, Medical Advisory Board, Ernakulam.

(d) The petition was addressed to the Chief Medical Officer on the cover but in the petition it was worded "Cochin Medical Board Advisory Committee."

(e) By the Chief Medical Officer.

Mr. T. C. Iyyuktty *(Pazhanji)*.—To my question 318 of the Meenom Session, 1111 to print and place on the table the copy of the petition from Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty and others, addressed to the Chairman, Medical Advisory Board, Ernakulam, the answer was this: "The petition referred to has not been received by the Government" and to supplementary question put by the Hon'ble Member, Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthhassan, whether the Chief Medical Officer received any petition, the answer was 'No'.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancherri)*.—May I know whether the Chief Medical Officer has received this petition?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—There were several petitions from the practitioners. I do not know which petition the Hon'ble Member refers to.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*.—Petition dated 27th Dhanu from Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty and others.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.— No.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji)*.—Now, the reply given to question 318 is to be read here. Even granting that this is a fact, what was the reason for the Hon'ble Member for Medicine for not having moved the matter as he ought to have done? Our request was only to invite the Advisory Committee Members to see our building and visit our dispensary. The answer was "The petitioners are informed that there was no Government sanction". We did not request for that.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*.—There was a petition in Malayalam addressed to the Advisory Committee and on the envelope it was addressed to the Chief Medical Officer and so the petition came to my office. As it was subsequently found that it was addressed to the Advisory Committee, I had nothing to do with it.

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Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—What harm was there to place it before the Advisory Board?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer.)*—I am not the Chairman of the Board.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur)*—Are you not a member of the Board?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*—No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew (*Kunnamkulam*).—What is the difficulty that Government had in acknowledging the communication sent to them? I want to make a statement about that. The Diwan President said in this Council in the presence of the Political Agent that such important communications will be acknowledged. For six months I have not received them. When Mr. Narayana Iyer was the Diwan, I put a similar question and the Diwan President ordered that hereafter they will be acknowledged. After the reformation of the Secretariat, that practice has gone away. Very recently I sent two or three important communications, and no acknowledgment has been received. I again wrote and to that a reply was received that the original communications were not received. There were other communications also. I am just giving an illustration, that they were not received.

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member will kindly give me references.

Mr. K. T. Mathew (*Kunnamkulam*).—I have got with me copies. It was after putting the question that the Government of Cochin began to acknowledge them. The Diwan Mr. Narayana Iyer said that such important communications from Council Members should at least be acknowledged.

Co-operative Marketing Societies—starting of.

70. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudy).*—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they have considered the desirability of starting co-operative marketing societies;

(b) by giving seasonal credits to the agriculturists, will it be possible to enable the agriculturists to sell their products at a better price than now?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—(a) Government have considered the desirability

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No.	Name and designation.	Period of leave.
20	K. Rama Varma Thirupad, offg. L1—H. S., Trippunittura	Privilege leave for 4 months from 1—4—1112
21	E. P. Rama Kurup, Sanskrit Pandit, H. S., Mangayil	From 23—1—1112. Died
22	P. V. Krishnan Nair, P3—H. S., Kandassankadavu	Privilege leave for 1½ months from 27—2—1112
23	A. Thankamma, clerk, G. H. S., Ernakulam	Materinity leave for 2 months from 20—2—1112
24	K. Sarada Amma, offg. L3—V. G. S., Chittur	Sick leave for 1 month and 14 days from 10—2—1112
25	K. Lekshmi Amma, Needle-work Mistress, H S., Chalakkudi	Privilege leave for 1 month from 18—3—1112

APPENDIX II.

(Question No. 69)

Copy of Memo E. 2324/1111, dated 4th Makaram 1111 to Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty and others.

"The petitioners are informed that there is neither Government sanction nor the necessary allotment for converting the Grand-in-aid Dispensary into a Government Dispensary."

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